

Lancaster Intelligencer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 23, 1884.

Bankrupt Laws. The Senate has passed a bankrupt law by a decided majority, and seems to be greatly impressed with the necessity of such a measure.

The idea, as we understand it, is that when a man is insolvent his estate should be yielded up for distribution among his creditors, to the end that they may have what is really theirs and that he may be released from his debt and his custody of his creditors' property.

The new law does not seem to be any improvement on those we have tried and found wanting, and been glad to get rid of. If it ever becomes a law there will hardly be a man in the country who can not be thrown into bankruptcy, since anyone who fails to pay a debt for thirty days after it is due, commits an act of bankruptcy.

There are plenty of things for Congress to consider at this session that are of importance to the country. The Senate can find better work to do than to bother over a bankrupt law, as the House can employ itself more profitably than in debating the tariff.

The time for the triennial election of a superintendent of public schools in the counties of the state is approaching. It is to be done on the 15th of May by a convention of school directors.

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creature president. Mr. Blaine's clear duty to himself requires the defeat of Arthur, and if he can accomplish that feat he has a fair show to make a satisfactory combination with some suitable presidential stick.

A PRETENDED "life long acquaintance" of Judge Livingston, writes to the Columbia Herald that speaking to Judge Livingston on the subject of the Ephrata church dead-lock, he said to the writer, "I am right in this matter. The news papers are not sitting in judgment in this case," and the correspondent goes on to assure the public that "there will be no weakening in that quarter."

MR. H. M. MYERS, of Blair county, who put Milliken in nomination for delegate at large in the late Republican state convention, writes that several private tallies show his vote to have been greater than Senator Lee's or Mr. Emery's, both having been 157.

SWAIN is to be "investigated," which is another way of saying Swain will be whitewashed.

The elector of doubtful eligibility must step down and out. His qualifications must be above suspicion.

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A FATAL FEUD.

FIGHT BETWEEN BROTHERS-IN-LAW.

A Short Range Encounter with Fists with Fatal Result—Color Blooded Murder of a Wife.

A desperate duel with pistols between brothers-in-law, Monday afternoon at Cockeysville, Baltimore county, Md., resulted in the probable mortal wounding of one of the participants and the arrest of the other. The affray took place on the road leading from Ashland furnace, owned by the Ashland Iron company, and the Oregon Ore banks.

The parties were Joshua Gill and Charles Brown. Gill is in the employ of the Ashland Iron company and married Brown's sister. He is a teamster, is a rollicking, good natured fellow and generally liked. He is about 45 years of age and a man of powerful build. Brown is about 40 years of age and is a teamster. For some years past a feud has existed in the family, and this has been particularly bitter between Joshua Gill and Charles Brown, and threats have been made by the latter against the former.

As the transfer came up opposite him Brown sprang out of the crowd and opened fire at short range with his revolver. At the first shot Gill leaped to the ground, and as he did so he drew his pistol. Just then Brown's pistol cocked again, and a bullet whistled past Gill's ear.

James Nicholson, of Boston, on Tuesday afternoon visited the residence in which he had been living during the last three weeks and asked for her. She conducted him into her room. In a few moments, those who were in the kitchen heard a shot fired, which was followed immediately by a woman's scream. A brother of Mrs. Nicholson rushed into the room and grappled with Nicholson. He had shot his wife in the shoulder and was about to fire a second time.

THE brother endeavored to push him out of the room. The man exclaimed, "I might as well shoot you now as later, as the ball entering the breast of the woman, the nearer she is to the heart, the more she suffers. He then calmly pocketed his pistol and remarked, "I'm a murderer." With these words he walked down stairs, left the house without haste, and has not yet been arrested.

THE couple have not lived together for three or four months. Nicholson is about 27 years old. When the brother of the woman rushed into the room Mrs. Nicholson was sitting in her chair holding the infant child. Her dress was burned at the shoulder. The murderer's next shot had gone through her left arm. During the struggle between her husband and brother she remained seated, and when the fatal shot was fired she fell forward. The latter fled in a way after the woman, but was not traced.

AN ODD HOTEL GUEST. The Alarming Message that was concealed in His Room.

On November 1, 1883, Nathan E. Fish registered at the Carlton house, No. 202 West 14th street, New York. He said he was a Canadian forty-two years old, and a compositor by trade. He remained in the house, acting in a mysterious manner, until February 14, last, when he was removed to Bellevue hospital, to be treated for alleged erysipelas. Three days after he had been admitted to hospital he disappeared, and on Monday his body was found in the East river.

UPON searching his room in the Carlton house a box two feet square was found containing 19 cartridges weighing 1 1/2 pounds each, and labeled "Remington No. 2." There was also a letter, three inches deep up in paper and marked "Sure death to the man who opens the box." A quantity of fuse and rubber tubing and one or two novel specimens of firearms were also found in the room. The fire department had been called, and the materials from the house. It is supposed that Fish was connected with some dynamite band.

IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY. Matters of Public Interest Disposed of.

The Senate committee on finance yesterday considered the House bill for the retirement of the one dollar. It is doubtful if the bill will be reported favorably. An understanding was reached, however, that if the bill is reported at all, "it shall contain a provision similar to that in the original bill, which was stricken out in 1878, providing that the amount of silver required under the provisions of the act should be deducted from the monthly purchases of bullion under present laws for the coinage of standard dollars."

IN THE U. S. SENATE yesterday Mr. Blair, from the committee on education and labor, reported favorably the bill creating a commission to inquire into and report upon the material, industrial and intellectual progress made by the colored people of the United States since the year 1865. The resolution was passed on the floor of the Senate the commissioner of agriculture was passed, with an amendment giving a similar privilege to the secretary of the Smithsonian institution.

THE House committee on commerce yesterday agreed to favor the bill for the appointment of a Missouri river commission, and for the appointment of a scientific commission to conduct the electrical exhibition in Philadelphia next fall. The latter bill appropriated \$25,000 for the expenses of the commission.

THE House committee of Pacific railroads yesterday finished consideration of the proposed amendments to the Thurman sinking fund act. Mr. Thompson, whose bill was the basis of the committee's action, says "the proposed bill will increase the amount now paid into the sinking fund by the subsidized roads about \$1,500,000 annually." In 1878, when the bonds become due, he estimates that the increases will have aggregated about \$20,000,000.

Relic Slaughtering Abated. During the past two weeks numerous acts

of vandalism have been committed about the national capitol. The relief figures on the bronze doors have been mutilated and marble statues have been chipped off. The great eagle on the west side of the capitol lost a toe last week. The acts have been attributed to relic hunting vandals, who through the public buildings daily.

A COLossal criminal trial. The most colossal criminal trial of modern times was to have begun on Monday at Catania, in Sicily. No less than 300 prisoners were to be put on trial on charges of being members of the Mafia secret society, which has long been the most dangerous of the secret organizations of the island.

A GANG of gypsies, living with a child which is supposed to have been abandoned, have been the cause of a great deal of excitement among the residents of the locality. The gang is called the "Mountain" in Esopus, N. Y., for a day or two past. School children who have visited the camp state that they have heard a pale faced child that is kept in a wagon continually crying, "I want to see my papa and mamma." It is said that a number of the citizens made an attempt to investigate the matter, but upon seeing six able bodied men and twelve dogs they gave up the job and communicated with the town officials, who promised to make an investigation.

THE VAN DERBILT still trying to break his neck on the road to and from the Fleetwood race track, New York. One who saw him during a race on Monday last pictures him: "VanDerbilt was in dead earnest. He leaned over the dashboard with a grim grin on his face, a wild look in his eyes, which fairly projected from his sockets, and his whiskers bristling over his shoulders. As he dashed by one of the roadside hotels in the lead a wild yell went up from the crowd of spectators gathered at that point."

BANKER CANNON, of Stillwater, Minn., it is said, will be made comptroller of the currency.

PROF. MAYER has discovered in Egypt an immense necropolis which dates from the Ptolemaic period.

S. H. RETSOLD, Jr., has been appointed a clerkship in the banking house of Messrs. A. & C. Dorse, of Cockeysville.

SIMON CAMERON, who died in Washington from an over-dose of chloroform on Monday night, was a cousin of General Simon Cameron.

SEVERAL FOLGER has referred to the attorney general for an opinion on the question of the duty on Sumatra tobacco under the new tariff.

JOHN HAYES, during his illness employed a homeopathic physician, and the result was a worful outbreak among the fashionable London doctors of both schools.

ALVIN J. JOHNSON, the well known publisher, proprietor of Johnson's Encyclopedia, an old friend of Horace Greeley, died at his residence, New York, Tuesday morning, aged fifty-seven.

J. P. WICKHAM, Republican candidate for elector from this district, offers to temporarily resign his directorship in the Farmers' National bank if that disqualifies him for the electoral college.

GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS, was asked: "Are there any new authors on either side of the water of special promise?" His reply was: "None, there is no important literary movement of any kind under way."

PROFESSOR THOMAS M. BALLET, who has during the past three years served as superintendent of the schools of Carbon county, Pa., has been elected to the position of teacher in the Hooking school (Hiroquois) Normal school.

PRINCESS WINNEMARRA, of the Piate tribes of Indians, was before a sub-committee of the House on Indian affairs Tuesday pleading for the setting apart of a reservation for her tribe. As she depicted the state of her people she was frequently moved to tears.

HENRY WARD BEECHER's religion: "I believe in the New Testament and in Jesus Christ; and the evolution of scientists—of Christian scientists—I believe in. Evolution is a component of enlightened Christian doctrine, and those evolutionists who are least I am with."

REV. DR. PORTER has tendered his resignation as pastor of the Third street Reformed church, Easton, to take effect the first of August. He has been in charge for seven years and resigns because of ill health. He is also professor of botany and zoology in Lafayette college.

COLONEL JAMES PORTER, of Meadville, died yesterday, aged 80 years. He was born in Lancaster county, but has resided in Meadville over three quarters of a century. He was elected sheriff in 1839, and in 1848, represented Crawford county in the Legislature. He was a Democrat until the formation of the Republican party, when he became a Republican.

HENRY GEORGE is most startled by "the vast amount of land in this country being bought up by foreigners." He says that the great English lords purchasing thousands of acres at a time have been made public, but this is nothing to the constant drain going on through smaller purchases. We are selling our future Americans into slavery and importing all the evils of absentee proprietors."

FEATURES OF THE STATE PRESS. The Franklin Repository call Herr Smith, "a politician of the Miss Nancy style."

The Philadelphia Times recommends that a state census be taken in 1885. The Record thinks Blaine is as fortunate in having Mahone for an enemy as Arthur is unhappy in having him for a friend.

APRIL COURT.

THE WEEK OF QUARTER SESSIONS.

An Amusing Malicious Mischief Case—A Year's Imprisonment for an Evening's spree.

On Tuesday afternoon, in the case of Elmer Holinger, charged with disturbing a religious meeting, the defense called witnesses to show that he was not disorderly in the church on that occasion, but the case was behind him; a number of persons were laughing at the singing of some of the church people, but defendant was not laughing, he retired in an orderly manner. Verdict guilty.

Com'th vs Oscar Mutter, malicious mischief. The prosecutors are John Buckwater, John Buckwater jr., and Amariah Buckwater, of Cockeysville. The defense called witnesses to show that on the 24th of January accused went to the house of the plaintiffs who agreed to let him work for his board; on the 27th of January the accused stated that some one had dragged his dog from the house. On the next day Amariah Buckwater discovered that his buggy had been out and scratched; on it were written the words "Drugs in coffee and Vitals." On the buggy of John Buckwater, jr., the following was scratched: "I teach you to be a dog." The writing on the buggy corresponded with that of the accused, and the language was about the same as had been expressed by defendant in conversation. The curtains of the buggy were also cut with an evidence of committing the crime he said, "well, people also play tricks on me."

The defendant was called to testify in his own behalf. He seemed to be of unsound mind and jumped from one subject to another. He seemed to have an idea that the family of Mr. Buckwater had attempted to poison him; he denied having damaged the vehicles or anything else. Counsel for the defense argued that the accused was of unsound mind and he had an hallucination that some one was trying to poison him. Verdict guilty.

True Bills—Ed Heiney, Daniel Hornberger and Isaac Bomerer, burglary, larceny and felonious entry, (27 bills), Julia Bazzard, receiving stolen goods; John P. Frank and Frederick Struck, conspiracy to defraud; Oscar Miller, malicious mischief.

Ignored—Annie Butler, carrying concealed weapons, with Mamie Luther for costs; Julia Ann Bazzard, receiving stolen goods; John P. Frank, false pretense, county for costs; Nathaniel Clark, assault and battery with county for costs; Abraham Witman, bigamy, and George T. Bamford, fornication and bastardy, with county for costs.

Commonwealth vs. Brien Painter and Walter E. Myers, felonious assault and battery. The prosecutor was John T. Myers, who is the new tenant of a little saloon at 220 1/2 1/2 street. He testified that on the 4th of February Painter came to his saloon and after ordering some oysters for himself and a woman, refused to pay for them. In the evening both defendants came to the saloon and ordered oysters, which were refused to give them. Myers then began the assault by striking Wylie with a chair, and Painter followed it up by throwing a spittoon at him. Both men then attacked Wylie and after knocking him down beat and kicked him until he was nearly insensible. Wylie severely, Wylie cried "murder" and his assailants fled, but lingered for sometime in the neighborhood with bricks in their hands. A number of witnesses testified to these facts.

The defendant Myers admitted having struck Wylie, but claimed that he did not do so until after Wylie had picked up a hatchet to hit him. Painter denied having had anything to do with the assault. The jury found them guilty of aggravated assault and battery and each was sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

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THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

ITS MANY DEFECTS TO BE CURED.

An Improvement in Lights—to be All Fastened on Brackets—What Manager McKelvey Has to Say.

Only two of the electric lamps were out last night—ones at the corner of Duke and James streets and at Potters and Adams. At Duke and Vine the lamps went out three hours and at the Children's Home two hours. The one at Lime and Locust burned poorly from 11 o'clock, making irregular and about fifteen good lights. The one at the gasline lamps were reported out.

No doubt all good citizens rejoice to notice the improved condition of the electric lamps. For several nights past the number that have not burned at all or burned poorly has been greatly decreased. This improved condition of the light, we are informed, is due to the correction of certain defects in the line as originally constructed. The worst of these defects was the swinging of the lamps on cables on the swinging cables and placed permanently on iron brackets fastened to the poles. A great improvement is noticed in the lamps thus hung. Mr. George L. McKelvey, of the Maxim company, informs us that the hanging of the lamps on cables was done at the request of the committee of council and against the judgment of the Maxim company. Workmen are now engaged in taking down all the swinging lamps and placing them on brackets.

Another defect discovered by the practical workmen who are now overhauling the entire line is, that many of the connections were imperfectly formed. The usual and best connection is known as the "terminal" connection and consists of twisting four times each around the other the ends of the wires to be spliced. It has been found on inspection that at some of the splices thus made the insulating cover of the wire had not been carefully removed, and the connection was thus imperfect. It was also found that many of the connections were made by fastening the ends of the wires together by clamps, made of cheap brass or other metal inferior to copper as a conductor. A still worse means of connecting the wires was discovered, and that was a few places where the wires were being merely looped together by loops formed by bending the ends of the wires. The electric current was broken or lessened greatly whenever the wires were disturbed by the wind or other cause. All these defects are now being corrected and it is expected the line will very soon be in perfect order.

The Engine Power. To a suggestion made by the reporter that the two engines at the station did not furnish sufficient power for 120 lamps, Mr. McKelvey replied that he saw no more than sufficient in Philadelphia. The lamps are fully supplied by one such engine, the boilers here were made by Best, and are the best made; the shafting by Sellers than whom there is no better maker; the dynamo and lamps are new and the best kind; and the only mistake made by unskilled men in constructing the line, are corrected. Mr. McKelvey has no doubt that Lancaster will be well pleased with the light furnished by the Maxim company, a company which he says has more than 100,000 lamps in Philadelphia, Arnaux, Hill, Schuyler and all others combined except the Brush. The Maxim light has been adopted by the United States government in the public buildings in Philadelphia, New York, Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans, and where electricity is used, except in Boston.

Precautions Against Danger. To a suggestion made by the reporter that the light was dangerous, as had been shown by a late thunder storm, during which the belting was thrown from the machinery and the electric wires were extinguished, and, later, during the great snow storm, when many telephone and telegraph wires were broken down, the electric light machinery was not run for fear of doing damage. Mr. McKelvey replied that a provision had been made in the machinery and lightning, automatic lightning arresters had been put in the works, so that an accident of the kind could not again occur. As to the snow storm, which prostrated so many telephone and telegraph wires, it had done no damage whatever to the electric light machinery, and the works were stopped for one night, but the current passing over the Maxim wires might be carried along some of the broken telephone wires and do damage in that way.

In conclusion the reporter told Mr. McKelvey his light had been very imperfect and unsatisfactory, and had failed to come up to the standard guaranteed by the contract with the city. Mr. McKelvey said he knew it had, but he knew also that it would not long continue so, and that it would be fully satisfactory with the light to be furnished. The reporter hoped Mr. McKelvey was not mistaken, and bid him good-day.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES. Two Pleasant Occasions, Commemorative of Capt. Wm. H. and Emma Rodgers Morris of this city, celebrated their golden wedding at their home in New London, Conn., on April 29th. They were married in April, 1834, the issue of their union being four sons and one daughter, all of whom were present at the golden wedding. They were William H. jr., New London; John R., physician, Lancaster, Pa.; Richard C., New London; Miss Mary C. Jeffrey, Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Emma Rodgers New London. Jeffrey presented a cake in each of the ten rosebuds surrounding which a \$5 gold piece was deposited, and in the full blown rose in the centre, a double eagle rested on the petals. The other children gave presents of great value, and the old people looked as well and almost as young as some of the children, and were perfectly delighted to receive the united congratulations of their children 50 years after they had pledged their marriage to each other.

Dr. George A. King and wife celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage last evening by giving a soiree at their residence, 150 East King street. The affair was a very brilliant one, being attended by a large number of personal friends. Taylor's orchestra was on hand and furnished excellent music for the merry dancers. Several fine vocalists sang choice selections. A banquet terminated the festivities at a late hour.

Circus Advertisers. Last evening advertising gang No. 1. (Forepaugh's show arrived in town. They are in charge of W. C. Kidder, the well known agent, who for many years was with the Van Amburg show. George Myers, of this city, is with the party.

Justice's Commission. The commissions of the twenty-five justices of the peace and aldermen elected at the February election have been received at the office of the county recorder, and are being referred to them. They will be ready for delivery to those to whom they belong on Monday next. Many of which date the official term of the officers-elect begins.

James K. Ferguson, of Little Britain, who has been engaged in the cattle business in Wyoming, and spent the winter east, started last week for the west. On reaching Chicago he found a party who wanted to purchase his cattle ranch and sold out to him and returned to Little Britain.

A party of Oxford girls went out on the Peach Bottom railroad to White Oak on Saturday, where they were joined by some Lancaster county misses and they formed an arbutus hunting party. They found an abundance of the "wee, modest tipped," fragrant flower on the Octoraro hills.

A number of tobacco growers of Little Britain, sold their crops. Lancaster buyers last week. James Hand received 16 1/2, 4 1/2; Paxson Bros, 30, 1 1/2; Alfred Brown, 15, 4 1/2. The tobacco producers of that section intend to abandon the seed leaf and plant only Havana the year; and there will not be so large acreage grown.

Robert G. Woods, of Oxford, while at Texas, Lancaster county, last Saturday, got out of his buggy and was talking with a storekeeper. The horse, which was hitched to the buggy, was not fastened to the buggy by someone near by, ran off and wrecked the buggy. The animal was captured in woods after running some distance.

The complete and seven unfinished specimens of Indian arrow heads were recently found in Bucks county near Fair Hill, Hilltown township. The sculpture work is that of a man's head, resembling that of an Indian. He has a prominent nose, receding forehead to an apex, strong jaw and heavy lips. The arrow head is a full face. It is thought the work was carved by a prehistoric race, which is known to have once lived in the upper part of Bucks county.

Rafting on the river is slow this season. In fact there has been a gradual decrease in the lumber industry since 1874. So far this spring only 200 rafts have passed Peach Bottom. Some years ago while the river was high 3,500 rafts were sent down in one season. From Marietta to Port Deposit, 41 miles, the river is full of rafts and pilots have been named by raftsmen. There are over 70 names of places in the river and some of these titles are exceedingly odd. Most of the lumber now coming down the river is from the pine, oak and hemlock regions of Clearfield county.

THE HOME TEAMS DEFEATED. The Active Demolishes the Ironsides and Lancaster Plays a Good Game in Philadelphia.

The second game between the Actives of Reading, and the Ironsides on the latter's grounds yesterday proved a walk-over for the visiting team. Pyle's pitching could scarcely have been more ineffective, his balls being mercilessly pounded into the box from the start. The Ironsides made fewer errors than the visitors, but they were made at critical periods and were very costly. Higgins and Donald did poorly for the Ironsides at second and third base. After Pyle had been struck all over the field, E. Greene was put in the box. The latter did very well until the seventh inning, when he was badly pounded, the Reading team making seven runs before they were retired. Boyle and Fried led at the bat for the visitors. The same lines play again this evening. Below is given the score of the game:

Table with 10 columns: Name, R, H, E, PO, A, K. Rows include M. Loughlin, Boyle, Higgins, Pyle, etc.

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